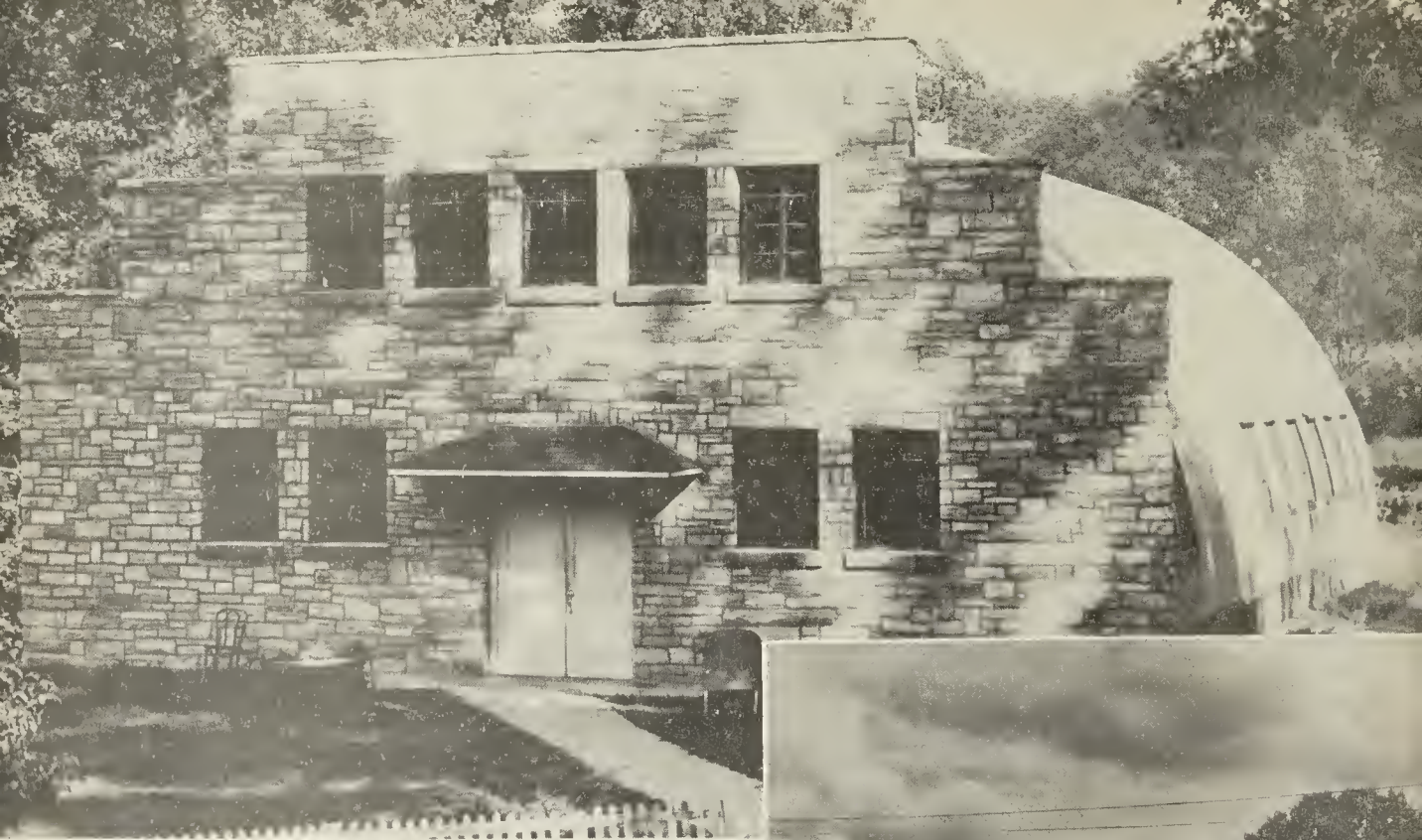


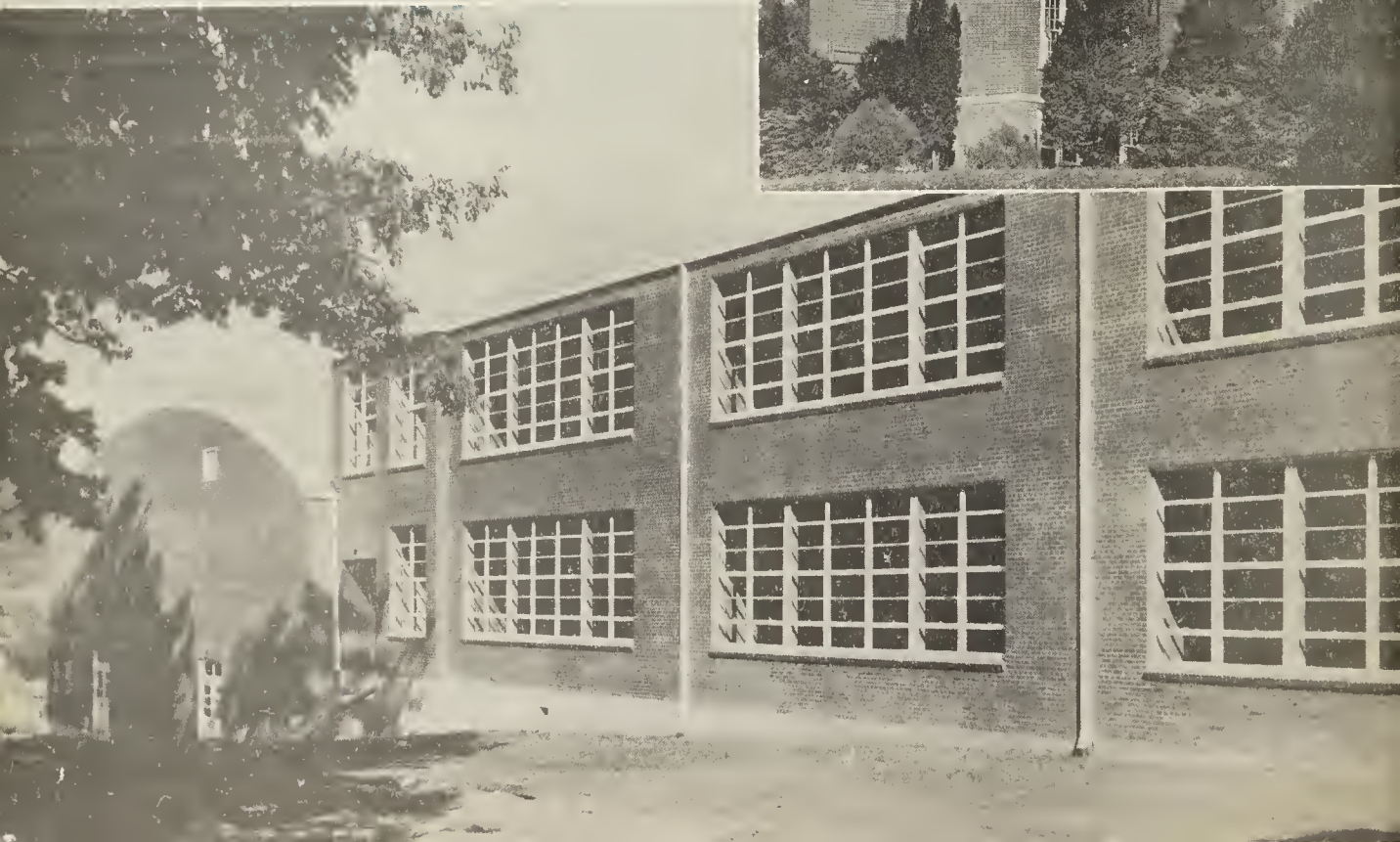
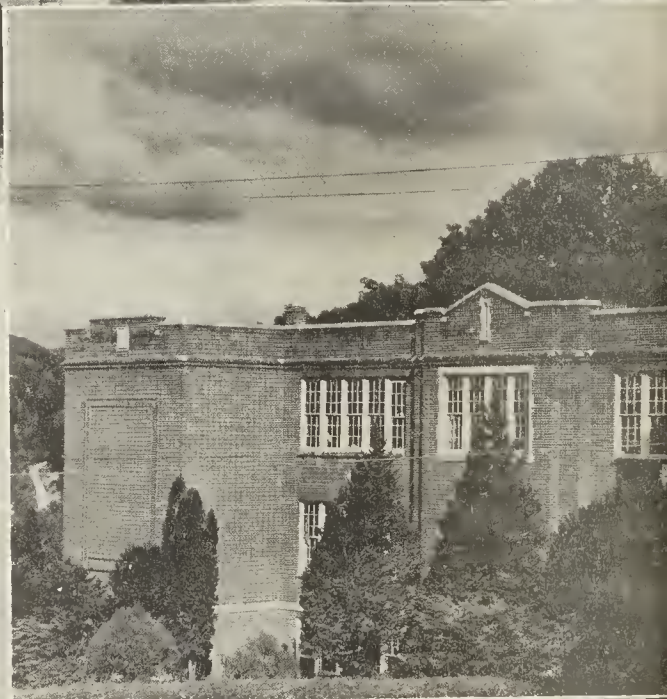


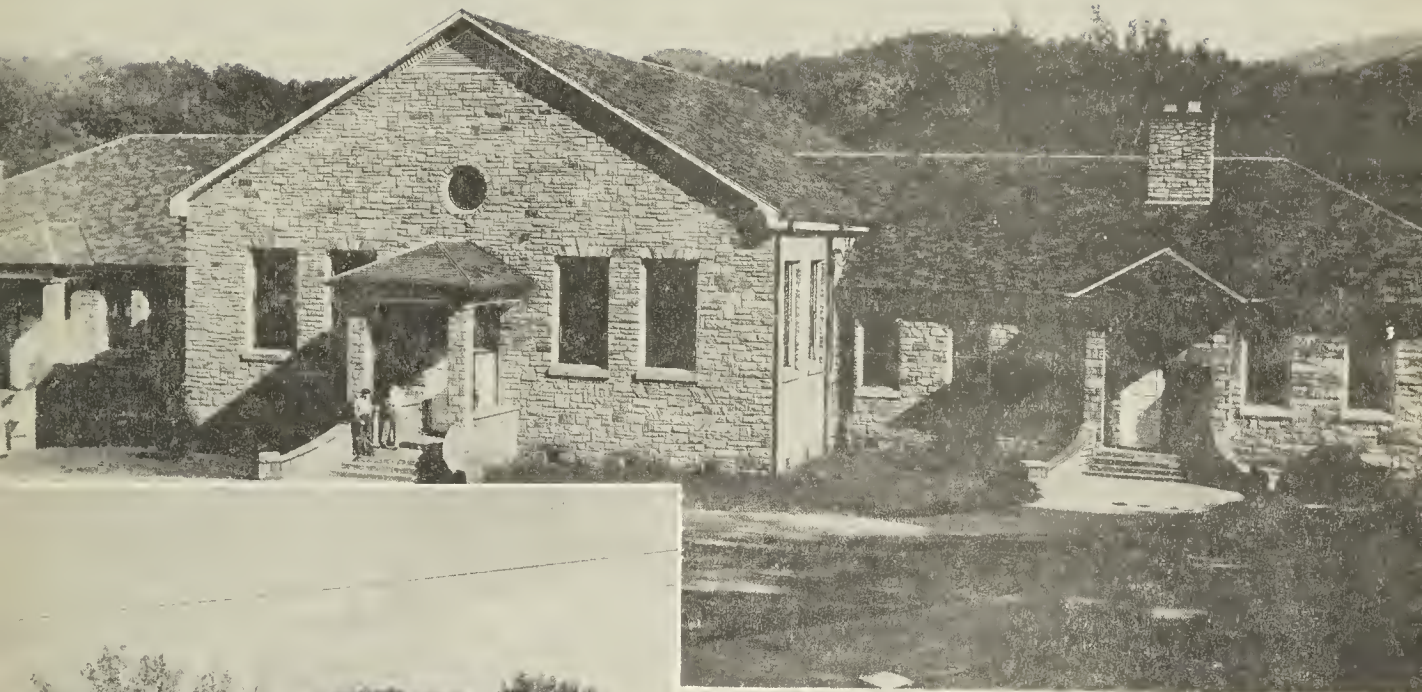
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"Bonnie Smith"
Junior Year
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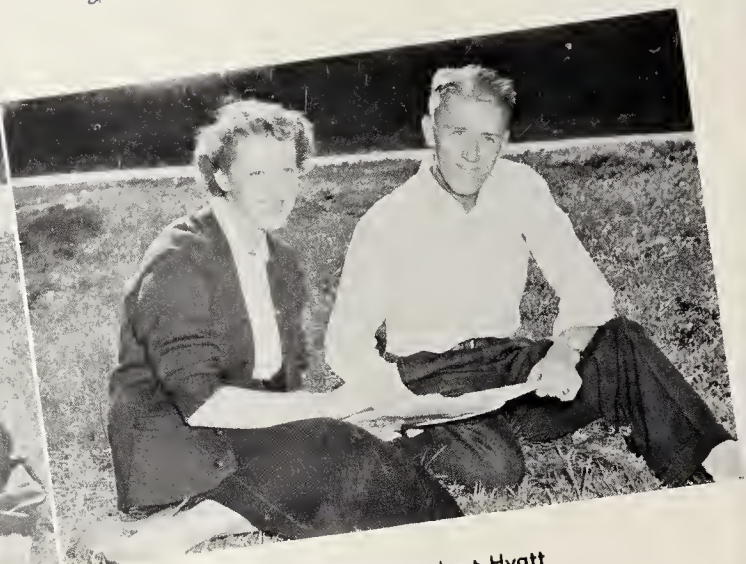


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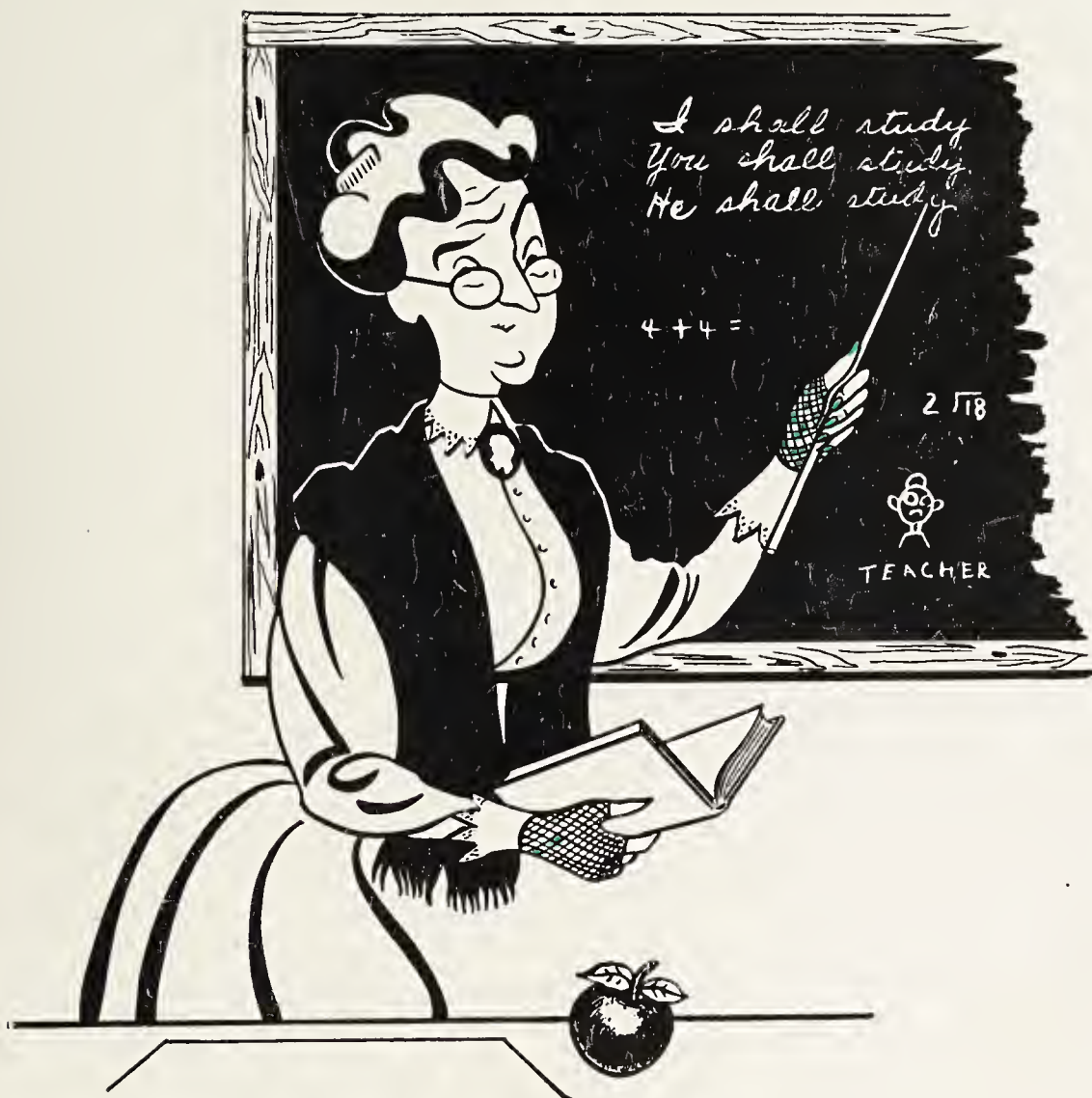


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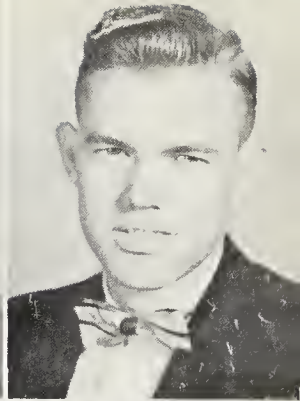
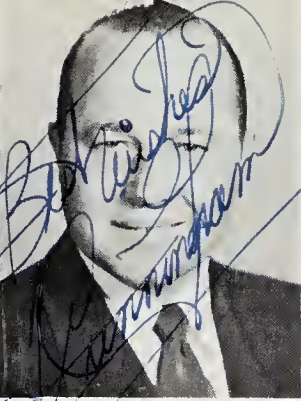
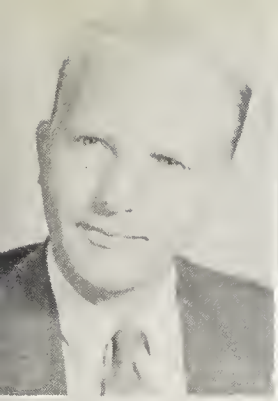
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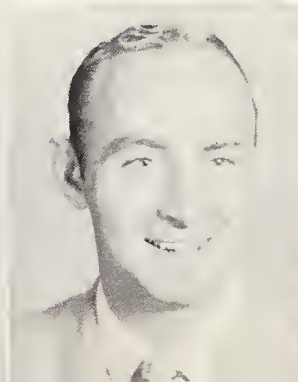
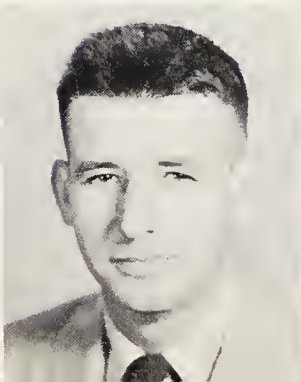
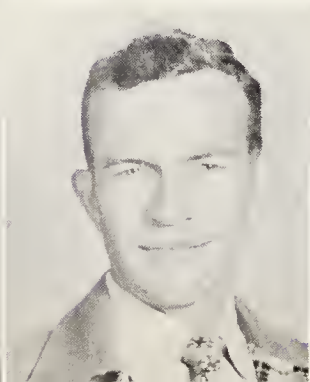
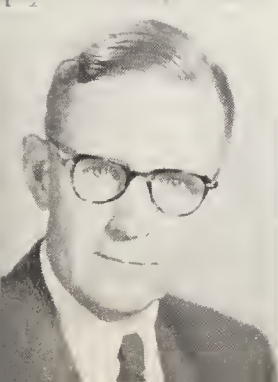
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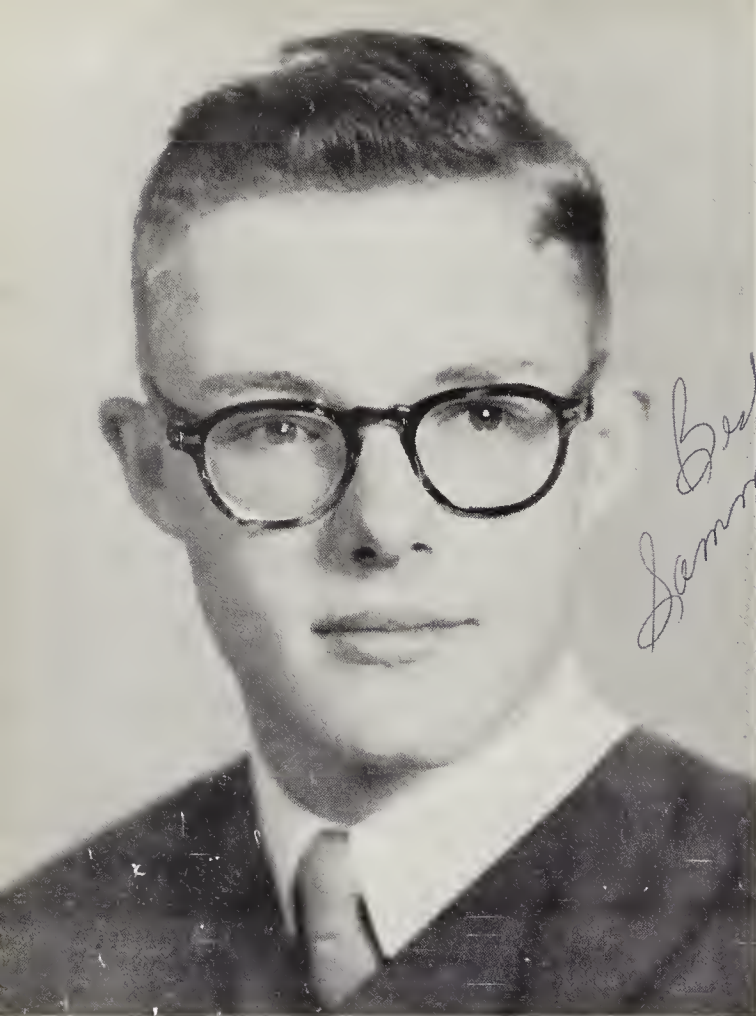
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*Best Wish
Sammy*

SAMMY SUTTON

IDEAL STUDENT

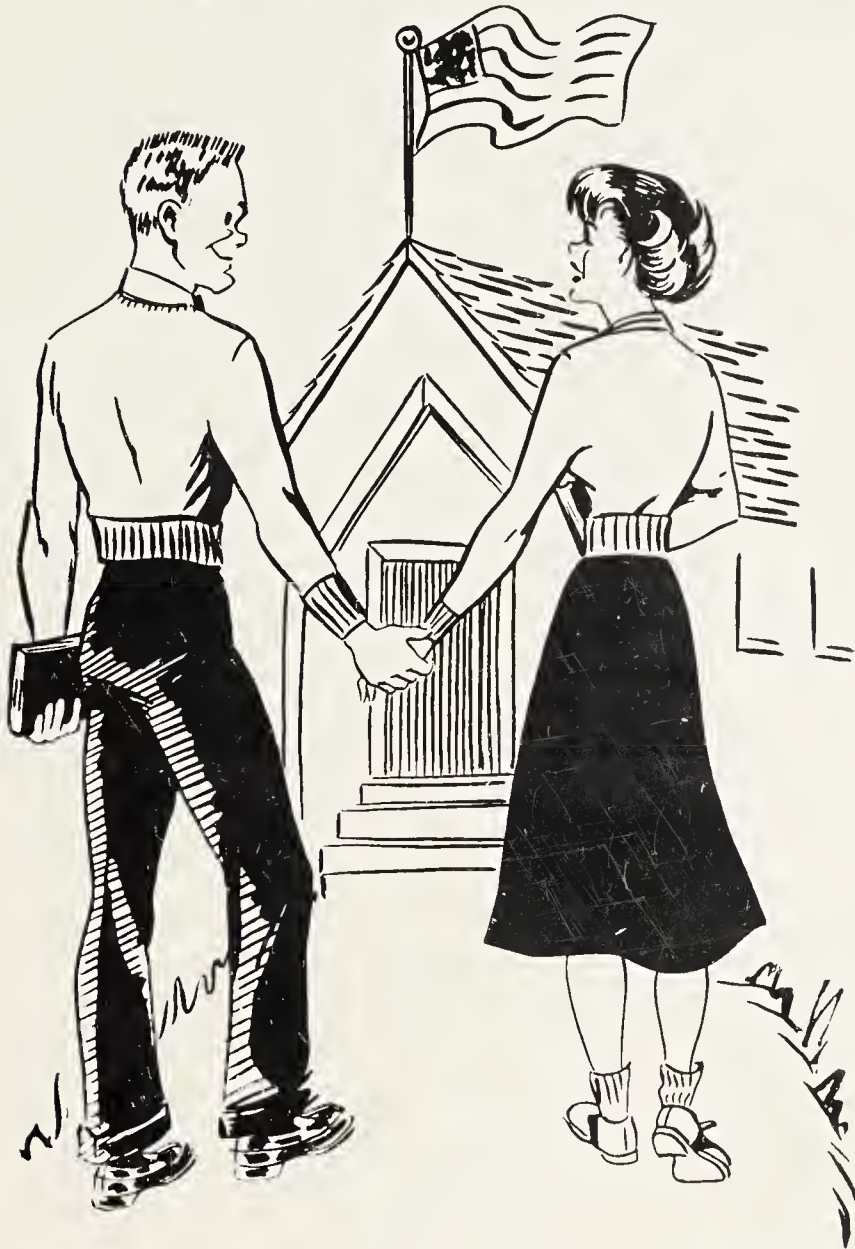
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3. Industrious
4. Reliable
5. Contributes to common good
6. Keen sense of value
7. Initiative
8. Self control
9. Cooperates
10. Leader

ROY BARKER - SAMMY SUTTON
ANNE BRADLEY - PATRICIA CARSON

HONOR STUDENTS



SENIORS





SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Earl Ball ----- President
 Fred Hyatt ----- Vice-President
 Carmaleta Littlejohn ----- Secretary
 Clara Belle Fuller ----- Reporter

Patricia Carson ----- Treasurer
 Claude Parrish ----- Treasurer
 David Ayers ----- Watchdog



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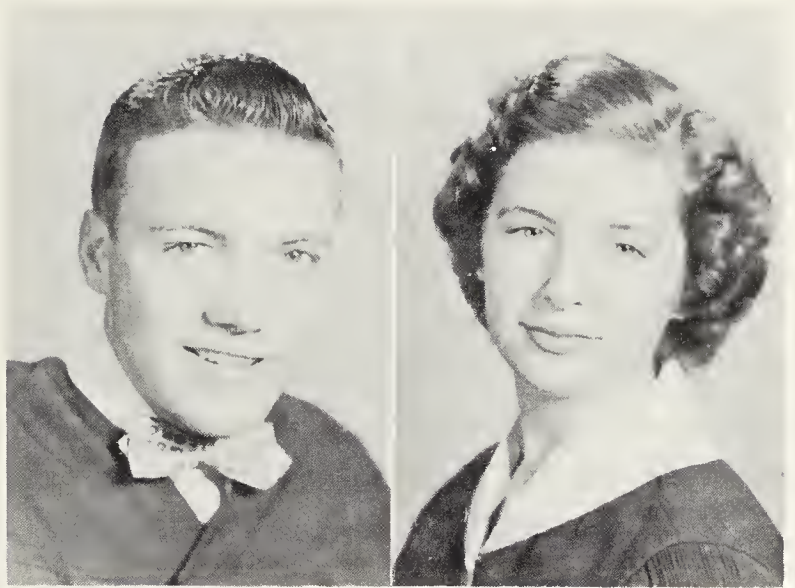
SENIORS

EARL BALL

Ambition: Dodge the draft; Hobby: Women; Major: Agriculture; Class Officer 1, 2; President 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball.

PAT CARSON

Ambition: Fourth grade teacher and good housewife; Hobby: Music; Major: College Prep.; Treasurer 3; Asst. Treasurer 4; Marshal 3; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1; Latin Club 1, 2, 3; Journalism 1, 2, 3.



CARL BOWERS "Drake"

Ambition: Coach; Hobby: Women; Major: Agriculture; Class Officer 1, 3; F. F. A. 3; Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4.

CHRISTINE COLE

Ambition: To live a happy life; Hobby: Skating; Major: Commercial without shorthand; Cheerleader 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Basketball Manager 4.



FRED HYATT

Ambition: Pro - football; Hobby: Sports; Major: College Prep.; Student Council 1, 3; Class Officer 1, 2, 4; Latin Club 1, 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Dramatics 2; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4.

CLARA FULLER

Ambition: Saleslady; Hobby: Driving and being Tootsie's maid; Major: Commercial without shorthand; Class Officer 2, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.



SENIORS

SAMMY SUTTON

Ambition: Travel around the world; Hobby: Dancing; Major: College Prep.; Marshal 3,4; Student Council 3; Honor Society 3,4; School Paper 1,2,3; Annual Staff 4; Latin Club 1,2; Band 1,2,4; Cheerleader 3,4; Class Officer 3.

VIRGINIA C. WILLIAMS

Ambition: Combine career with a house wife; Hobby: Washing dishes and cooking; Major: College Prep.; Band 2; Journalism 2,3; Glee Club 1,2; 4-H 1.



JOE THOMAS

Ambition: Peddle milk and ice cream for Southern Dairies; Hobby: Driving Blue Ridge Tractor-Trailer; Major: Agriculture; Student Council 1; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; 4-H 1,2,3,4.

ANNE BRADLEY

Ambition: Learn to parallel park; Hobby: Eating; Major College Prep.; Glee Club 2,3,4; Latin Club 1,2; Marshal 3; Student Council 2; Honor Society 3,4; Swain Hi Light Staff 1,2,3; Annual Staff 4.



TALMADGE WIGGINS

Ambition: To be a good Democrat; Hobby: Running from Shirley; Major: Agriculture; Marshal 3; Student Council 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; 4-H 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff 4.

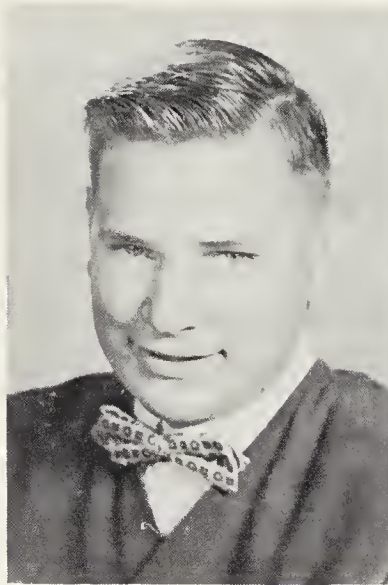
MARTHA HELEN HYATT

Ambition: Raise my own football team; Hobby: Sleeping; Major: College Prep. Glee Club 4; Latin Club 2,3; Marshal 1; Annual Staff 4; Swain Hi Light Staff 3.

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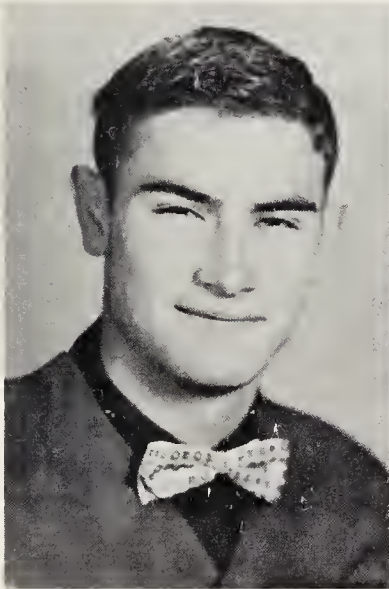
MAX MONTEITH

Ambition: Live a happy life; Hobby: Eating; Major: Agriculture; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; 4-H 1,2; Dramatics 3.



CARMALETA LITTLEJOHN

Ambition: Home Ec.; Hobby: Collecting Books; Major: College Prep.; Journalism 1,2,3; Latin Club 3,4; Student Council 4; Basketball 1,2,3; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Glee Club 3; Annual Staff 4.



GWIN ALLEN "Rex"

Ambition: Auto Mechanic; Hobby: School Bus Driving; Major: Agriculture; F.F.A. Club 1,2,3,4.

SUE PAYNE

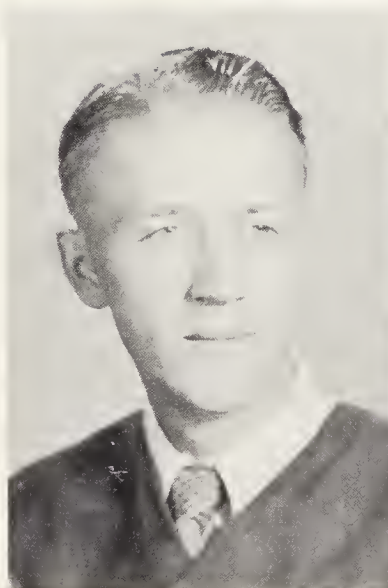
Ambition: Stage Actress; Hobby: Men; Major: Commercial without F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; 4-H 1,2,3.

ROBERT R. HYATT

Ambition: Long happy life with no strings; Hobby: Making crossword puzzles; Major: Agriculture; Photography Club; Marshal 2; Student Council 3; Sec. of Student Council 4; Art Editor of Annual Staff 4; Future Farmers of America 1,2,3,4; 4-H Club 1,2.

GERALDINE SHULER WIGGINS

Ambition: To be a good housewife; Hobby: Skipping school; Major: Home Economics Science Clubs; 4-H 1,3,4 F.H.A. 1,3; School Paper 1,3; Dramatic Club 2,3; Basketball 1.



SENIORS

CLAUDE PARRISH, JR.

Ambition: Pro-football; Hobby: Sports;
Major: College Preparatory; Clubs: 4-H
1,2,3; F.F.A. 4; Band 1,2,3; Offices:
Treasurer of Senior Class; Sports: Football
2,3,4; Basketball 1,3,4.

KATHERINE COLLEEN PERRYMAN

Ambition: Private joke teller for President
Eisenhower; Hobby: Eating, laughing;
Major: Commercial with shorthand; Annual
Staff (Production Editor)

JOHNNY McCARTER

Ambition: Pilot a Jet; Hobby: Fishing;
Major: Agriculture; F.F.A. Club.

JOYCE HYATT
"Sis"

Ambition: Basketball coach; Hobby: Eat-
ing and playing basketball; Major: Com-
mercial without shorthand; Cheerleader 4;
Basketball 1,2,3,4; 4-H 1,2,3.



RICHARD McLEAN

Ambition: Big business man; Hobby: Sports;
Major: Agriculture Science; Journalism 3;
Football 3; Baseball 2,3,4.

DOROTHY JANE McLEAN

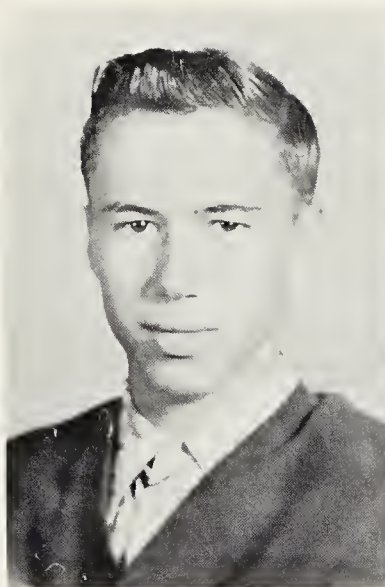
Ambition: Teacher; Hobby: Reading funny
books; Clubs: F.H.A. 1,2; Latin 3,4; 4-H 1.



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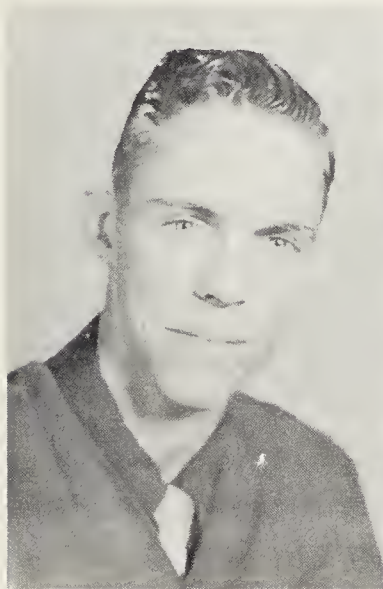
WADE EUGENE PAYNE

Ambition: To stay single; Hobby: Loafing;
Major: Commercial without shorthand;
Football manager 3,4.



NANCY SMITH

Ambition: To get out of the Senior Class;
Hobby: Having fun; Major: Commercial
without shorthand.



DAVID AYERS

"Posey"

Ambition: To be a prosperous citizen;
Hobby: Mule raising; Major: Agriculture;
4-H 1, Senior class officer 3,4; F.F.A.

JO ANN AYERS BRADLEY

Ambition: Learn to drive and be a good
housewife; Hobby: Pleasing David; Major:
Commercial without shorthand; Clubs:
F.H.A. 2; Student Council 4; Journalism
2,3; 4-H 1,2,3.

ROY BARKER

Ambition: A wife and two kids; Hobby:
Gun collection; Major Agriculture;
F.F.A. 2,4; Marshal 1,2; Paper Staff 3
President of Nantahala Federation of
F.F.A. 4.

NINA WELCH

Ambition: Private Secretary; Hobby:
Reading; Major: Commercial with short-
hand; Annual Staff (Production Editor)



SENIORS



RONALD ROLEN
"Sam"

Ambition: Bring back the Democrats;
Hobby: Making whoopee; Major: College
Preparatory; Band 1,2,3,4; Latin Club 2,3.

BETTY JEAN EARLS

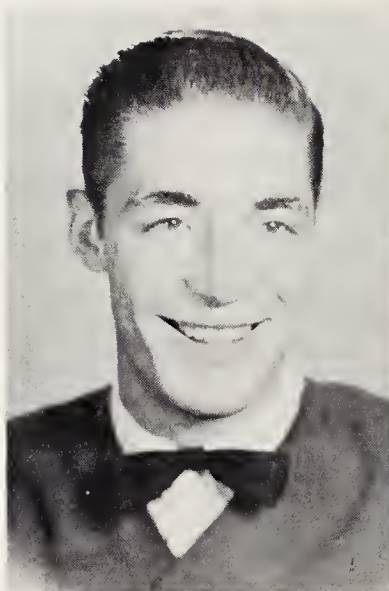
Ambition: Learn to parallel park; Hobby:
Eating; Major: Commercial without short-
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RAMON STEVENSON

Ambition: Easy living; Hobby: Fishing;
Major: Agriculture; F. F. A.

CLARA IRENE STEVENSON

Ambition: Secretarial work; Hobby: Read-
ing; Major: Commercial with shorthand.

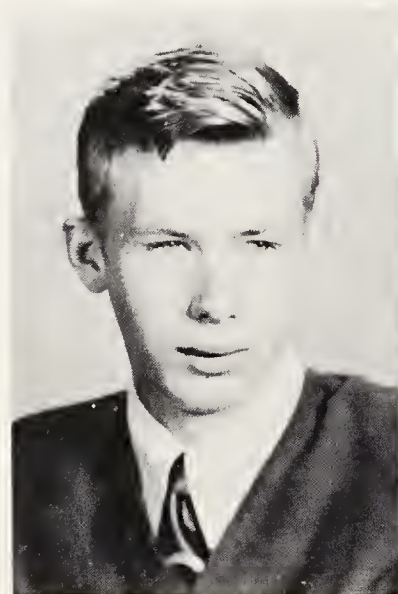


CLAUDE CUNNINGHAM

Ambition: Make money; Hobby: Hunting;
Major: Agriculture; F. F. A.

BERNICE JOHNSON

Ambition: To be a soul winner; Hobby:
Going to church; Major: Commercial
without shorthand; F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Glee
Club 4; 4-H 1,2,3,4; Junior and Chapter
Degree of F. H. A.



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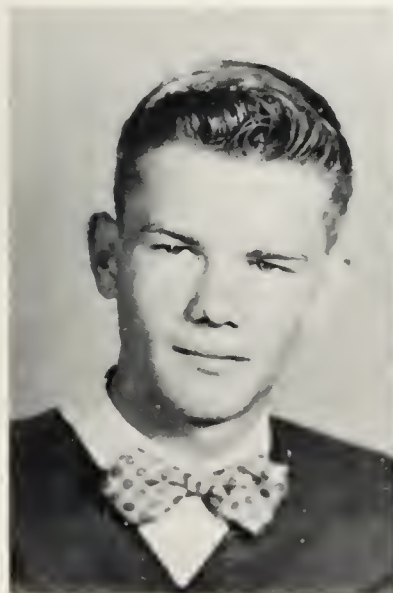
JAMES LEE COGGINS

Ambition: To be a good husband and keep Francis happy; Hobby: Working on cars; Major: Agriculture; F.F.A. 1.



BETTY McHAN

Ambition: Office work; Hobby: Reading; Major: Commercial with shorthand; F.H.A. 4-H Club; F.H.A. Treasurer.



JACK CASEBOLT

Ambition: Navy career; Hobby: Playing pool; Major: Commercial without shorthand

FERN DAVIS

Ambition: To be in Ike's cabinet; Hobby: Arguing politics; Major: Commercial with shorthand; F.H.A. 2,3,4; F.H.A. Officer 4.

EDGAR WILLIAM STYLES

Ambition: Navy-20 years; Hobby: Pool shark of Swain Hi; Major: Commercial without shorthand; F.F.A. 1; 4-H 1, 2.

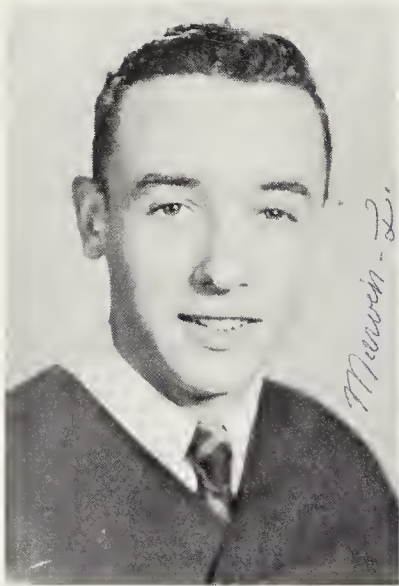
Edgar W. Styles

ELEANOR BRADSHAW

Ambition: Lab technician; Hobby: Working at Dent's; Major: Commercial without shorthand; F.H.A. 1,2,3.



SENIORS



MARVIN ROBERT LEDFORD

Ambition: To get rich; Hobby: Reading; Major: Commercial without shorthand; 4-H 1,2,3,4.

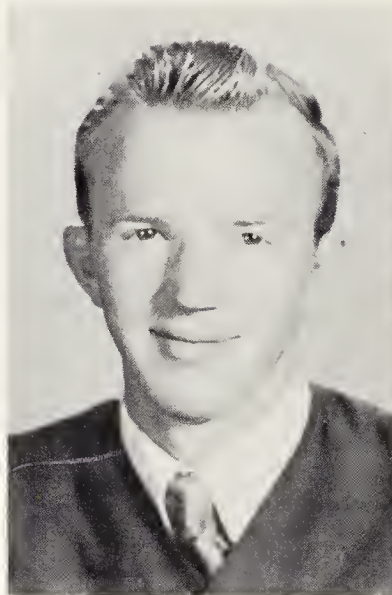


EVELYN SHULER BROWN

Ambition: To be a good housewife; Hobby: Collecting dishes; Major: Commercial without shorthand; F.H.A. 2,3; 4-H 1,2,3,4.

AMON BEASLEY

Ambition: A long and happy life; Hobby: Fishing; Major: Agriculture; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.



JACQUELINE ANN BEASLEY

Ambition: Secretary; Hobby: Reading comic books; Major: Commercial with shorthand.



CHARLES CHAMBERS

Ambition: To make easy money; Hobby: Fishing and sleeping; Major: Agriculture; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; 4-H 1,2,3,4; President of F.F.A. 4.



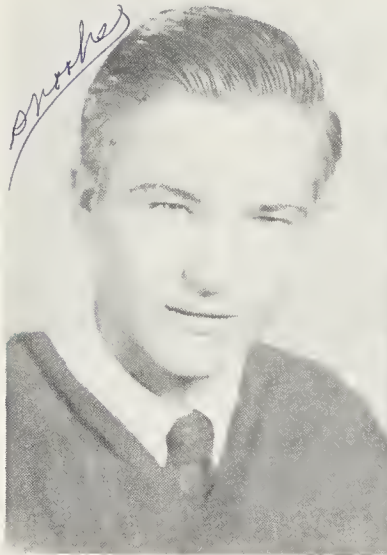
COLLEEN SMILEY CALHOUN

Ambition: My husband's secretary; Hobby: Sleeping; Major: Commercial without shorthand; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Basketball 1; 4-H 1,2.

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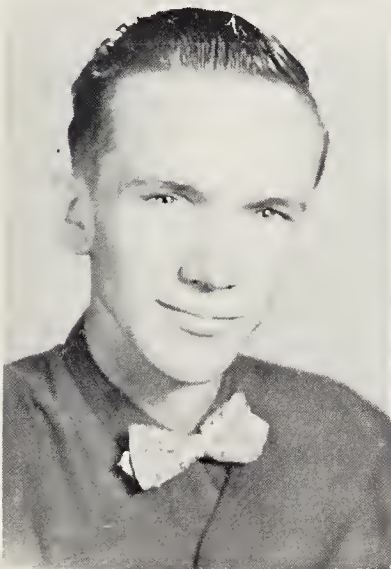
CHARLES RANDALL

Ambition: Dodge the draft board; Hobby: Pool; Major: Agriculture; Student Council 1,2,3,4; 4-H 1,2; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.



MAXINE WALKER

Ambition: Office work; Hobby: Dancing; Major: Home Ec. Science; 4-H Club.



GILMER BREEDLOVE

"Bob"

Ambition: Auto Mechanic; Hobby: Love-making; Major: Agriculture; F.F.A. Club.

JEAN SHULER VARNER

"Jeanie"

Ambition: Good wife; Hobby: Singing; Major: Commercial without shorthand 4-H 1,3; F.F.A. 1,2,3; School Paper 1,2,3; Student Council 3; Dramatics 3; Class Officer 2,3; Music 1, Annual Staff 4.

E. J. McLEAN

Ambition: Mechanic; Hobby: Wrecking cars; Major: Agriculture; 4-H 1,2; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.



JANET LONG

Ambition: Girls' basketball coach; Hobby: Play basketball; Major: Home Economics Science; Basketball 2,3,4; Science Club of America 1,2; Glee Club 1,2; 4-H 1,2; F.H.A. 2,3,4.

SENIORS



DWIGHT PAYNE

Ambition: Electronic engineer; Hobby: Radio;
Major: Commercial without shorthand.

EVELYN PHILLIPS

Ambition: Secretarial work; Hobby: Music
and Reading; Major: Commercial with
shorthand; Glee Club.

GARNER BROWN

Ambition: Make easy money; Hobby: Hunt-
ing; Major: Agriculture; 4-H; F.F.A. Club.



IDA BUCHANAN

Ambition: Typist; Hobby: Reading; Major:
Commercial without shorthand.

BUFORD EVANS

Ambition: To make money; Hobby: Hunting
and fishing; Major: Commercial without
shorthand.



SUE SIMONDS BAILEY

Ambition: To please Corral all the time
and be a good housewife; Hobby: Driving
a car; Major: Commercial without short-
hand.

SENIORS

EDNA DUVALL

Ambition: Interior decorator; Hobby: Arguing politics; Major: Home Ec. Science; Class Officer 1; F.H.A. 2,3,4; 4-H 1,2.



EDITH WRIGHT

Ambition: Architect or Stewardess; Hobby: Collecting pictures of Hillbilly singers; Major: Home Ec. and Science; F.H.A. 3, 4; Glee Club 4.



FERN FREEMAN

Ambition: Secretary; Hobby: Reading; Major: Commercial with shorthand; Senior Superlative



PEGGY LEDFORD

Ambition: Secretarial work; Hobby: Skating; Major: Commercial with Shorthand.



JEAN SMITH

Ambition: Bookkeeper; Hobby: Reading; Major: Commercial with shorthand.



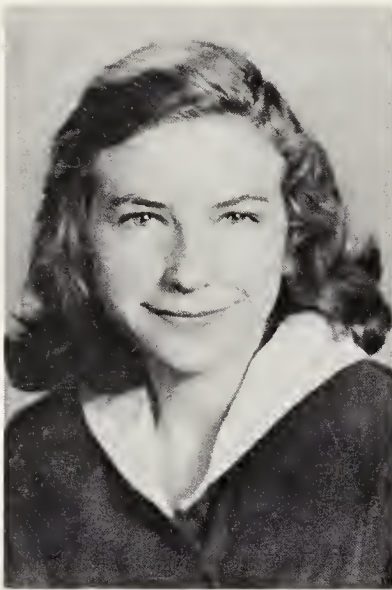
*Love
Jean A.*

ALEEN AMMONS

Ambition: Teaching; Hobby: Piano and reading; Major: Commercial with shorthand; 4-H 1,2.



SENIORS



ALLEEN PAYNE

Ambition: To get out of Bryson City; Hobby: Eating candy; Major: Commercial without shorthand.

GERALDINE OGLE

Ambition: To learn to be a good housewife; Hobby: Waitress; 4-H 4.

CLASS HISTORY

Back in 1949, we, a group of eager students from Alarka, Whittier, Cherokee, Almond and Bryson City, began our long journey to achieve our goal as being the dignified Seniors of Swain County High School.

Although we were eager, we were probably the greenest Freshmen ever to start a four year course in High School. We thought every move we made was wrong and that some sophisticated Junior or dignified Senior was looking on. When we finally settled down, we made the first year with only a small minority of our class falling by the wayside.

It seemed in our Sophomore year that we didn't fit in anywhere. We tried to alter that by doing our best to be everywhere at the right time. Although we didn't have as many class meetings as the upper classmen, we, had fun on picnics and social affairs. With a great majority of us still struggling on we finished the second year.

We thought, "Oh! Boy! Now the year we've been looking for has arrived—the year we become sophisticated Juniors and get our class rings."

Although we had much fun, we worked hard. With Mrs. DeHart and Miss Long holding the reins, we struggled to raise money for our Junior-Senior Banquet. The banquet was a great success, and I believe, every student who took part in it enjoyed it very much. It was an optional banquet, held here in our gym. With only a small minority of us leaving, we finished that year.

We were thrilled more than words can tell at the end of our Junior year to think of becoming a dignified Senior. Most people can't tell if we are dignified or not, but we are, although we can't understand just why!

All Seniors were brought together in one homeroom with Mrs. Wood and Mr. Wikle as our Sponsors. With Mr. Wikle losing only a small portion of his blond hair and Mrs. Wood wearing out several pencils, we put over quite a few deals in order to raise money for the Annual and for our trip to Washington. The money raising was fun when we went to town to raise it.

Some say all this amounts to little, but we as Seniors of 1953, think we have reached one of our hard earned goals. With the guidance we received in Swain High, we will be better prepared to enter the future whether we go to college or get a job.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Seniors of 1953, having reached the year of departure from Dear Old Swain High, make this our Last Will and Testament.

To the Freshman Class, we leave our most prized possession, our dignity, for we feel that they need it far more than the Juniors.

To the teachers, we leave our excellent records and the golden memories of our years spent with them.

To the Juniors, we leave the struggle of raising money to go to Washington.

Personal Items:

1. Gwin Allen and Gilmer Breedlove leave their ability to lay out of school to Reg Moody and Babby Robinson.
2. James Lee Coggins and David Ayers leave their ability to marry young to Barbara Suggs and Warran Cochran.
3. Roy Barker leaves his ability to giggle to Ruby Shook.
4. Earl Ball leaves his ability to get along with Coach to Reg Moody.
5. Amon Beasley leaves his deep bass voice to Richard Grant.
6. Carl Bowers leaves his ability to sleep in class to Frank Allison.
7. Garner Brown leaves his ability to remain in school to Steve Henderson.
8. Jack Casebalt leaves his ability to be tardy to Bobby Fisher.
9. Earl Ball, Carl Bowers, Johnny McCarter, Claude Parrish, and Joe Thomas will their positions in the Maroon Line to anyone who can fill them.
10. Claude Cunningham and Marvin Ledford leave their quietness to Edwin Estes and David Lambert.
11. Buford Evans wills his ability to be present every day to Wade Ball.
12. Fred Hyatt leaves his position in the backfield to Carroll Wright.
13. Robert Hyatt leaves his drawing ability to Burchell Earley.
14. Dwight Payne leaves his theories to Robby Seay.
15. Ramon Stevenson leaves his ability to pester girls on the bus to Douglas Gossett.
16. Tolmadge Wiggins leaves his height to Cecil Burns.
17. Ronald Rolen leaves his excess weight to Spurgeon Freeman, who needs it so badly.
18. Charles Randall and Edgar Styles leave their ability to get along with the school faculty to Dave Golden and Wade Ball.
19. Joyce Hyatt leaves her ability on the basketball court to Joan Robinson and Theresa Hyatt.
20. Charles Chambers leaves his ability to be a great tackle on the Swain line to Jake Hyatt.
21. Christine Cole, Joyce Hyatt, and Colleen Calhoun leave their ability to "whoop" it up at a ball game to the next cheerleaders.
22. Ronald Rolen, Max Monteith, Talmadge Wiggins, Garner Brown, James Lee Coggins, and Junior Parrish will their positions as bus drivers to anyone who is crazy enough to take them.
23. Patsy Carson wills her ability to sing solos and go steady to Sara Hyams and Babby Robinson.
24. Johnny McCarter leaves his good looks to W. D. Gunter.
25. Nancy Smith leaves her ability to get into and out of trouble with the teachers to Bonnie Smith.
26. Anne Bradley and Martha Hyatt leave their ability to drive to Gwen Thomas and Rita Jones.
27. Carm Littlejohn leaves her position as president of the Student Body to Jack Game.
28. Jane McLean, Allene Payne and Ida Buchanan leave their quietness to June Cody, Irene Medford, and Barbara Roberts.
29. Sam Sutton wills his love for mathematics to David Lambert.
30. Nina Welch leaves her ability to get along with Babby Fisher to Hazel Adams.
31. Virginia Williams, Jean Varner, and Geraldine Wiggins leave their ability to ring wedding bells to Theresa Hyatt, and Carolyn Medford.
32. Edith Wright and Edna Duvall will their ability as home "cookers" to Francis Coggins and Joan Robinson.
33. Katherine Perryman leaves her ability to keep grinning to Coach Jones.
34. Clara Fuller leaves her ability to win beauty contests to Theresa Hyatt.
35. Colleen Calhoun and Joyce Hyatt leave their ability to skip school to June Thomas and Martha Cope.

The remainder of the Senior Class leave their many talents to anyone worthy enough to receive them.

We do hereby appoint the Junior Class executors of this, the Last Will and Testament of the Senior Class.

Colleen Calhoun, Patsy Carson, Ronald Rolen, and Fred Hyatt.

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MOST POPULAR

Earl Ball - Carmaleta Littlejohn



BEST DRESSED

Sue Payne - Claude Parrish

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BEST ALL AROUND

Carl Bowers - Christine Cole



FRIENDLIEST

Jane McLean - Talmage Wiggins

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BEST LOOKING
Clara Belle Fuller - Fred Hyatt



MOST STUDIOUS
Fern Freeman - Sammy Sutton



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Richard McLean - Fern Davis



MOST ATHLETIC
Joyce Hyatt - Johnny McCarter

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CLASS PROPHECY

Green's Gold Fillings, the most reliable teeth fillings, proudly brings you, Sammy Sutton, former United States Ambassador to Lower Slobovia. Sutton is undoubtedly one of the most daring newscasters of today. Although he is now serving ten consecutive four-year, terms for slandering, he continues to bring you his informative reports directly from Swain County Prison at Whittier. And now, we switch directly to the Prison and Mr. Sutton. "Good evening Mr. and Mrs. New Gymnasium Miss Swain Hi, and The Activity Bus. Here is the latest news on the dearest, most beloved class ever to graduate from the Swain County Institute of Higher Learning. Here are the latest facts about this wonderful class, on this beautiful day of May 24, 1963.

1. Edith Wright and Edna Duvall are now in charge of the U. S. Department of Home Economics in secondary schools.
2. Carm and Max now have fifteen children and Papa Max is president of the, Newport News Shipyards.
3. Gwin Allen and Gilmer Breedlove, Republican Leaders, are working hard to pull the Republican Party through the present depression.
4. Jean Varner and Virginia Williams have established a dancing school, for old married couples.
5. Junior Parrish and Joe Thomas are now sole owners of Southern Dairies as well as president and vice-president of "The Baby Sitters League."
6. Sue Payne is now appearing on Broadway, in the play, "Flying High," under the stage name, "Gussie Guggleheimer."
7. Eleanor Bradshaw and Claude Cunningham now hold managing positions at the huge A & P chain store at Ela, North Carolina.
8. James Lee Coggins and David Ayers are still striving to reach their main aim in life—twenty children each.
9. Joyce Hyatt is the first woman coach ever to be at City College in Bryson City.
10. Aleen Ammons, Jackie Beasley, Allene Payne and Ida Buchanan now run the, secretarial department of Van Raalte.
11. Carl Bowers and Earl Ball were victims of an auto accident last month. They are still fleeing from girls.
12. Charles Chambers and E. J. McLean are now playing pro-football for the, "Bryson City Bone Crushers."
13. Clara Belle Fuller is now modeling for the, "Drape Shape Sweater Company."
14. Evelyn Phillips and Mary Sue Bailey are in a troop to sing for the soldiers in Korea—Morale is very high.
15. The head football coach at the University of North Carolina is Fred Hyatt, only one game has been lost in twelve years.
16. Jackie Casebolt and Roy Barker are still dueling for the love of Emma K. Sneed.
17. Evelyn Shuler Brown has just written a book, "The Easiest Way to Die,"—it is a best seller.
18. Mr. Dwight Payne has just added another dozen booths to his drug store. At present the drug store covers four blocks in Bryson City.
19. Ronald Rolan and Talmadge Wiggins finally got married. Ronald was the bride. Bernice Johnson was the bridesmaid, and Ramon Stevenson was the best man.
20. Garner Brown and Marvin Ledford are now employed by the Bryson City Bakery—Strange as it seems, they specialize in chocolate fudge.
21. Movie star, Fern Freeman, formally of Bryson City is now in Hollywood making a movie entitled, "The Clock That Ticked."
22. Buford Evans is the capable principal of Swain High. His loyal teachers are, Robert Hyatt—Advanced Geometry; Edgar Styles—Agriculture; Johnny McCarter as Coach; and Fern Davis as Home Economics teacher.
23. Martha Hyatt and Anne Bradley are co-editors of the society column of the, Smoky Mountain Times. The Times is presently owned by Richard McLean. The typist are, Nina Welch and Katherine Perryman.
24. Janet Long, Betty Jean Earls, Geraldine Ogle and Jane McClean are trying for the tenth consecutive year to take the title of "Miss America" from Christine Cole.
25. Jean Smith and Irene Stevenson are clerks at Amon Beasley's, Pay-As-You-Go store, just east of Bryson City on U. S. Highway, No. 1.
26. Colleen Calhoun has taken over the management of the Chinese Theatre in Hollywood.
27. Economic Geography text books are now being published by the State of North Carolina under the supervision, of Prof. Nancy Smith, a former Geography student of Mr. Robert Gammon.
28. Peggy Ledford and Betty McHan are still stamping, "fragile" on all love letters in the post office.
29. Charles Randall and Maxine Walker are now co-owners of the notorious, "Copper Penny Club," on Kirkland's Creek.
30. Ice is being produced in every color of the rainbow and in every shape since Geraldine Wiggins took the course in New York, entitled, "Ice is Twice as Nice."
31. Pat Carson has been promoted to the office of principal, of the Western North Carolina Consolidated Elementary School, at Ela.

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is the up to the minute news of the Class of 1953.

*A Long Remembered year
in High School will
be the Junior year....*

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JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Jimmy Parton President
 Jack Game Vice President
 Fred McHan Parliamentarian

Charles Morrow Treasurer
 Theresa Hyatt Secretary



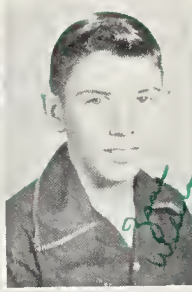
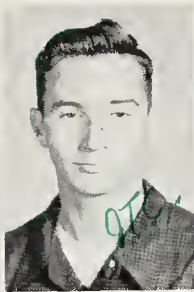
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 Carolyn Medford

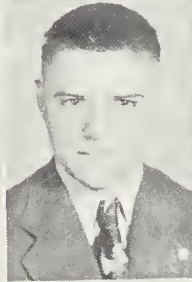
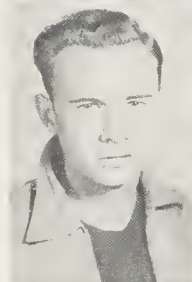
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 Patsy Hicks
 Dave Golden
 Betty Ann Messer
 Maurice Wilson

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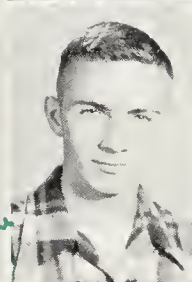
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Gwendolyn Thomas
Zone Welch
JoAnn Welch



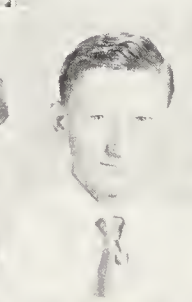
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Nettie Moe Messer
Charles Morrow



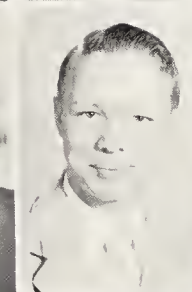
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Jack Gome
Shirley Cunningham
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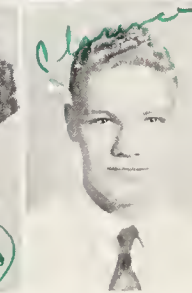
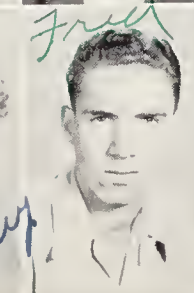
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Wendel Crisp
Normo Crisp
Jennings Byrd
JoAnn Biggs



Horold Sitton
Laurel June Thomos
Merlin Casado
Barbaro Roberts
Clyde Tobor



Shirley Cagle
Fred McHon
Bonnie Smith
Clarence LeQuire
Edith Coffey



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Steve Henderson
Tela Cline
Charles Magaha
Emma K. Sneed
Clayton Campbell



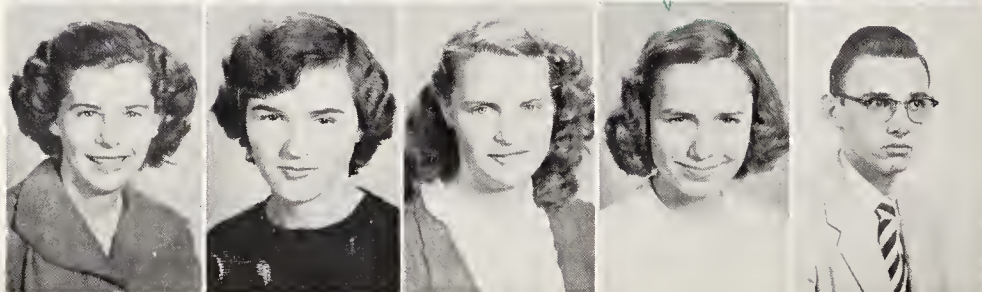
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Steve Fuller
Louise Birchfield
Max Hall
Marie McMahan



Kathleen Bowers
Norma Lee Bowers
Joyce Calhoun
Claudia Williamson
Edna Hyde



Ruth Cochran
Bonnie Burnett
Ruby Shoak
June Cody
Jean Shook



Winona Crisp
Velma Kirkland
Maude Nations
Kate Davis
Loren Miller

SOPHOMORES



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SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

John Brooks President
 Wade Ball Vice President
 Carroll Wright Reporter

Bobby Fisher Secretary
 Bennett Arvey Treasurer



Ray Jacobs
 Eloise Cline
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 Patty Brintnall
 Richard Howard
 Altha Dean Ball
 Andrew Herron

Betty Ledford
 Edward Bain
 Ann Kay Floyd
 Roger Welch
 Gertrude Allen
 Thad Styles
 Marie Davis

Clifford Payne
 Hazel Adams
 Henry Munday
 Wilma Bailey
 Phillip Lindsey
 Yvonne Edwards
 Charles King

Earl Hatcliff
 Verda Ammons
 Charles Kirkland
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 Sonny Messer

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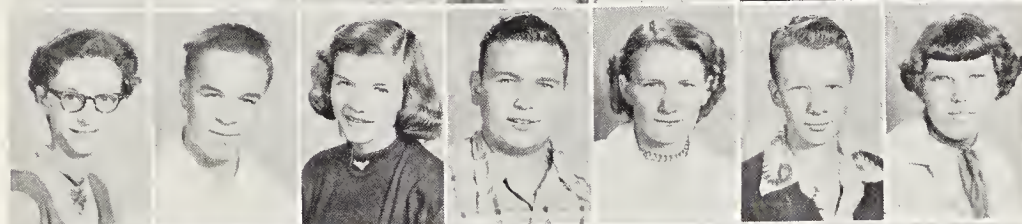
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Larry Taylor
Ann Nichols
J. E. King
Barbara Arvey



Hubert Johnson
Wanda Burgess
Carl McMahan
Helen Freeman
Billy Hyatt
Jean Battle
Steve Green



Gwendolyn Clompit
Carl Jenkins
Barbara Estes
Spurgeon Freeman
Margarette Talent
Edward Blackburn
Joann Turpin



Paul Estes
Viola Williams
Coyie Earley
Julia Thomas
Gary DeBord
Lucinda Woodard
Willard Williamson



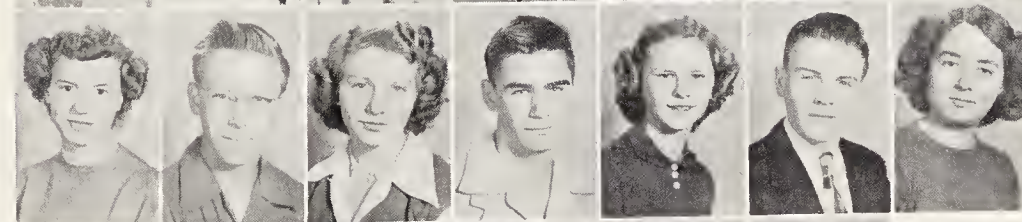
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Ramona Williams
Claude Cochran
Gaynell Woody



Horlan Shook
Mary Ellen Woody
Poul Wiggins
Velva Wiggins
Author Moles
Sandra Shuler
Dennis Burnette



Helen Payne
Bobby Seay
Clara Wiggins
Thad Bryson
Betty Casebolt
Floyd Breedlove
Evanell Medford



Carl Simonds
Mary Ruth Stanberry
Arnold Breedlove
Edith Rathbone
Kenneth Arvey



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Bobby Fisher
Sara F. Hyoms
Bobby Potts
Carolyn Ledford
Wode Ball
Karen Sandlin

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John Brooks
Betty Marr
Carl Tobor
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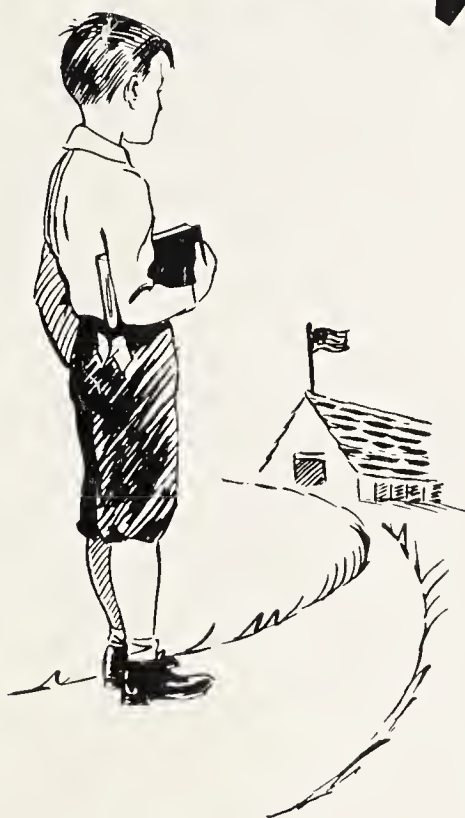
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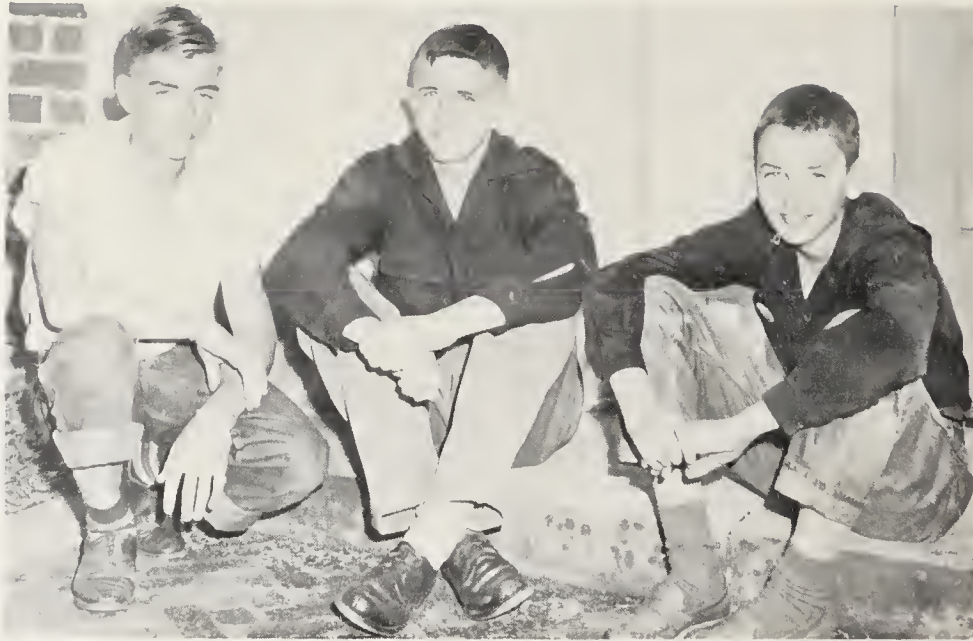
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Edward Roberts
H. T. Skidmore
Bennett Arvey

Arnold Seay
Betty Rathbone
John Hyde
Woody Sneed
Therlo Herron
Ruth Keener

FRESHMEN



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FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

Bobby Game President
 Troy Parrish Secretary
 Max Hyde Treasurer



Margaret Allison
 R.P. Jenkins
 Margaret Grant
 Mickey Littlejohn
 Betty Nichols
 David Lambert
 Joann Mundy

Dickie Ensley
 Marcella Cooper
 Bobby Game
 Joyce Beck
 Edwin Estes
 Ann Cole
 Elmer Eller

Harriet Davis
 Buddy Long
 Barbara Skidmore
 Elmer Martin
 Rachel Turpin
 Joe Lakey
 Barbara Welch

Homer Ogle
 Marlene Payne
 Irvin Herron
 Evelyn Sitton
 Talmage Grant
 Jackie Sutton
 Birchel Early

Patsy Sitton

FRESHMEN

Shirley Smart
Winston Hatcliff
Leone Mashburn
Kenneth Grant
Clarene Walker
Billy Hyde
Alyne Walker

Beauford McHan
Martha Rogers
Max Hyde
Clara Lou Willet
Nathan Sawyer
Sara M. Tyndall
Van Downs

Faye Thomasson
Nathaniel Cline
Maxine Byrd
Maurice Biggs
Buddy Burrell
Betty Wike
Geraldine Nations

Doyle Cooper
Marian Nations
Bobby Blankenship
Maxine Thomas
Max Douthit
Joyce Posey
Charles Cline

Winona Delozier
Kelly Downs
Dellene Mashburn
Wendell Bridges
Annie Cline
Luke Bright
Shirley Cochran

Harold Cochran
Jeanette DeHart
Vernon DeHart
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Jerol Davis
Anne Freeman
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Maxine DeHart
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Bobbie Burns
June Brown

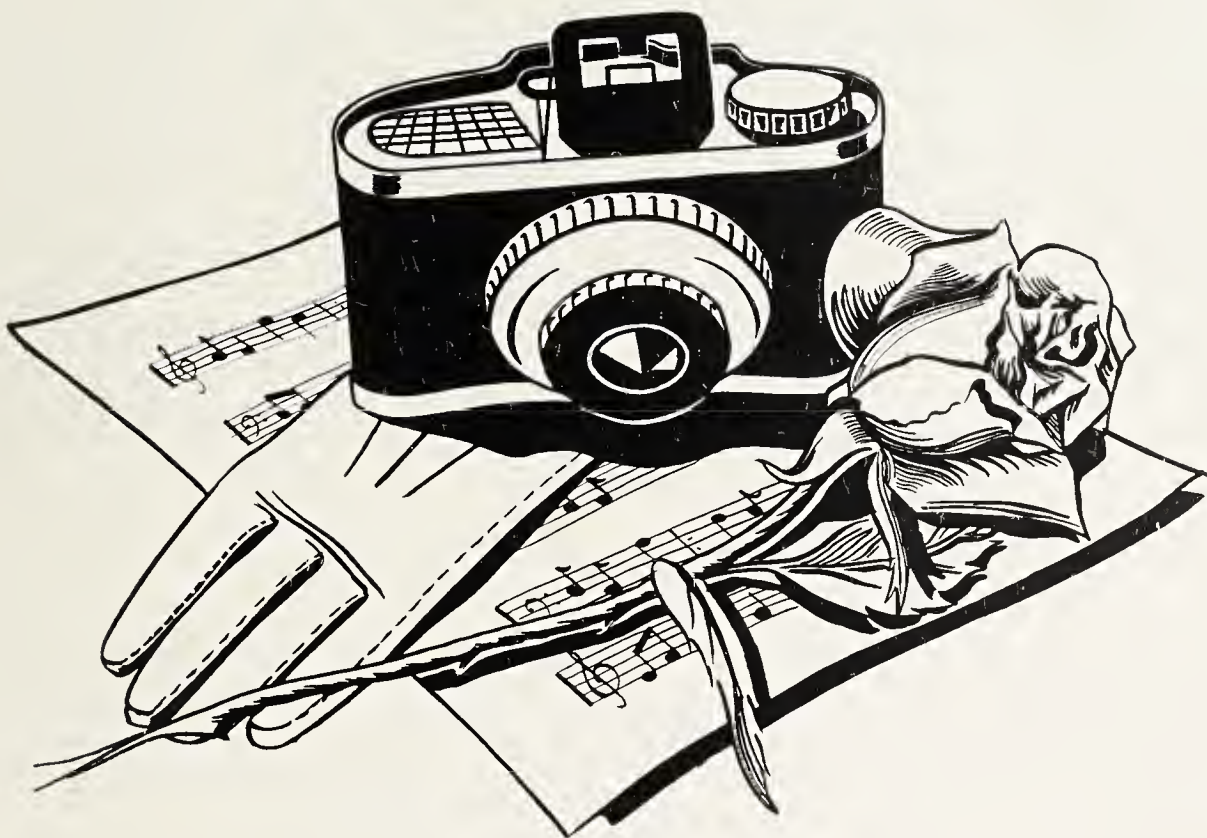
Erwin Casada
Margaret Ledford
Hoyt Simonds
Peggy Bradshaw
Bobby Reid
Margaret Breedlove
Earl Stevenson



FRESHMEN



Darlene Whitetree
 Norman Hutchins
 Shirley Jones
 Louellen Jenkins
 James Styles
 Willis DAVIS
 Robert Randolph
 Allene Enloe
 Charles Stevenson
 Jane McHan
 Clarence Pilkington
 Annette Woody
 James Smith
 Allie Fair Green
 Clayton Monteith
 Evelyn Smith
 Paul Woody
 Ann Herron
 Tommy Penland
 Patricia Saunooke
 Mitchell Gront
 Ann Turpin
 Billy Seay
 Lillian Thomas
 Nannie Sue Jacobs
 Beverly Smith
 Louise Howard
 Jerry Whiteside
 Nina Jean Hall
 Susan Forell
 Dixie Kirkland
 Faye Lambert
 Marie King
 Josephine Fortner
 Troy Parrish
 Margaret DeHart
 Virginia Corban
 Eva Dean Hooper
 Dallie Herron
 Doris Howard
 Gwendolyn Fuller
 Gerene Jenkins
 Shirley Guge
 Pauline Carver
 Inez Keener
 Hazel Breedlove
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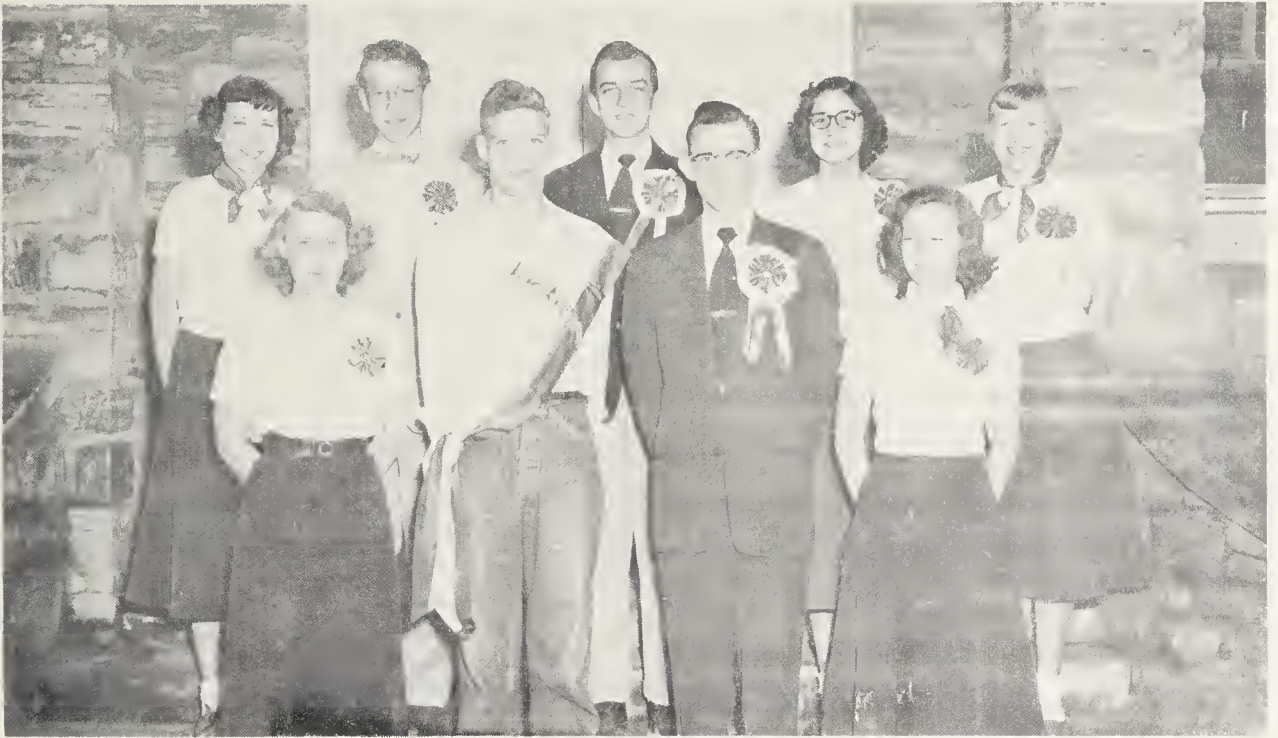
STUDENT COUNCIL

Floyd Cunningham and Robert Gammon, Advisors



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

ACTIVITIES



MARSHALS



TYPING CLASS

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Mrs. Lucille Brintnall, Advisor



FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

Mrs. Brintnall, Advisor

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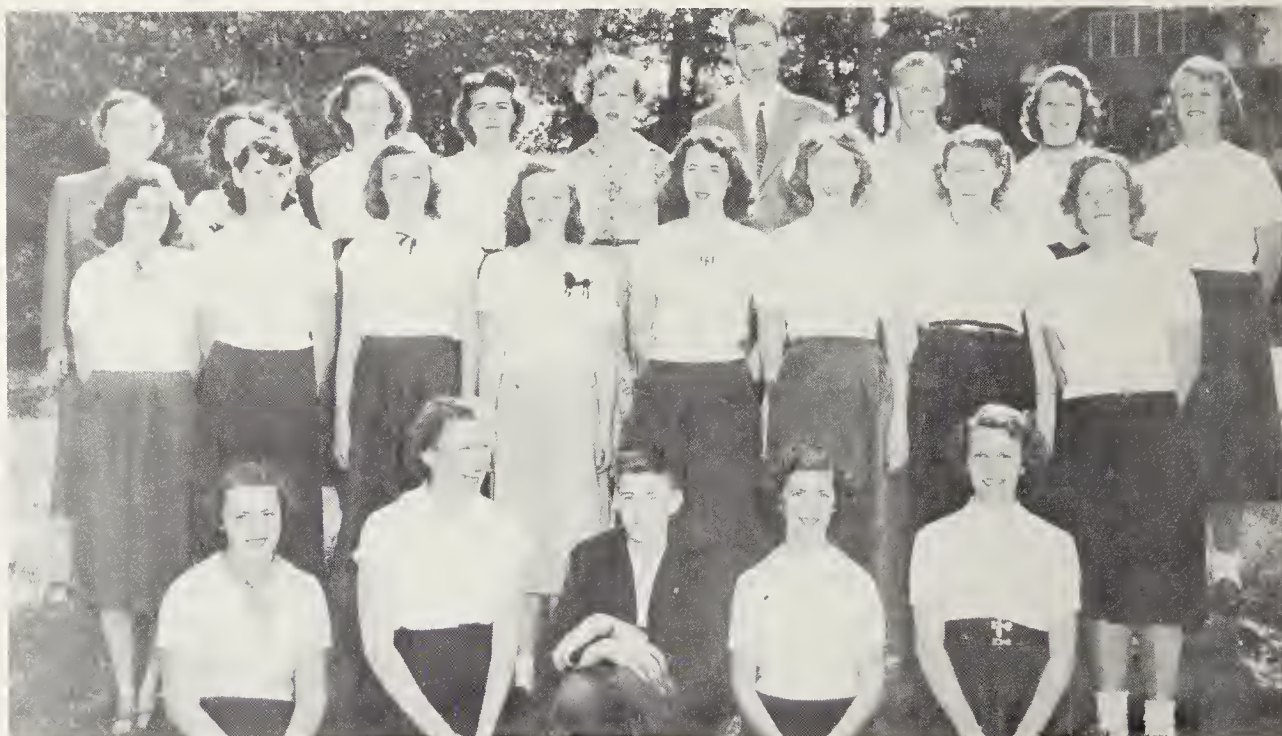
SHOP



FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Mr. Allison and Mr. Price, Advisors

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SWAIN HIGH CHORALIERS

Miss Mary Long, Director



BAND

Mr. Donald Womick, Director

ACTIVITIES



LATIN I CLUB

Miss Mary Long, Advisor



LATIN II CLUB

Miss Mary Long, Advisor

SENIOR BABIES

SNAPSHOTS

(Yeah Shots!)
(Must have Missed)

Everything
Digitized First!



SAMMY



Martha



By Gone Days



MISS AMERICA
? →



Colleen



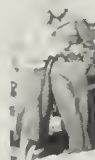
Janet



Anne



CHEROKEE
Boogie



Aint it Fun!!



Yeah! Legs-



Jane



Carm



Sue



Katherine
& Lassie

BELOVED



BAND MASTER



Little Thad



Teaching History???



Three Musketeers



Economics
Scholars
(Ha, Ha!)

RAH
RAH
RAH



Remember that night at Sylva?
We do!

SHS
RAH



Brother Wike



Guess Who? Where?
When?
What is it?



SARA

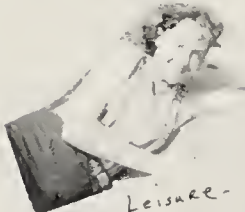
WINTER
WONDERLAND



Where is FRED?



Collect's
Family-



Lady of Leisure-



Lovely Dogs



IN the good ole summertime
(skatea Conley)



Joann
Turpin



Turpin Sisters, INC.



ATHLETICS



CHEERLEADERS

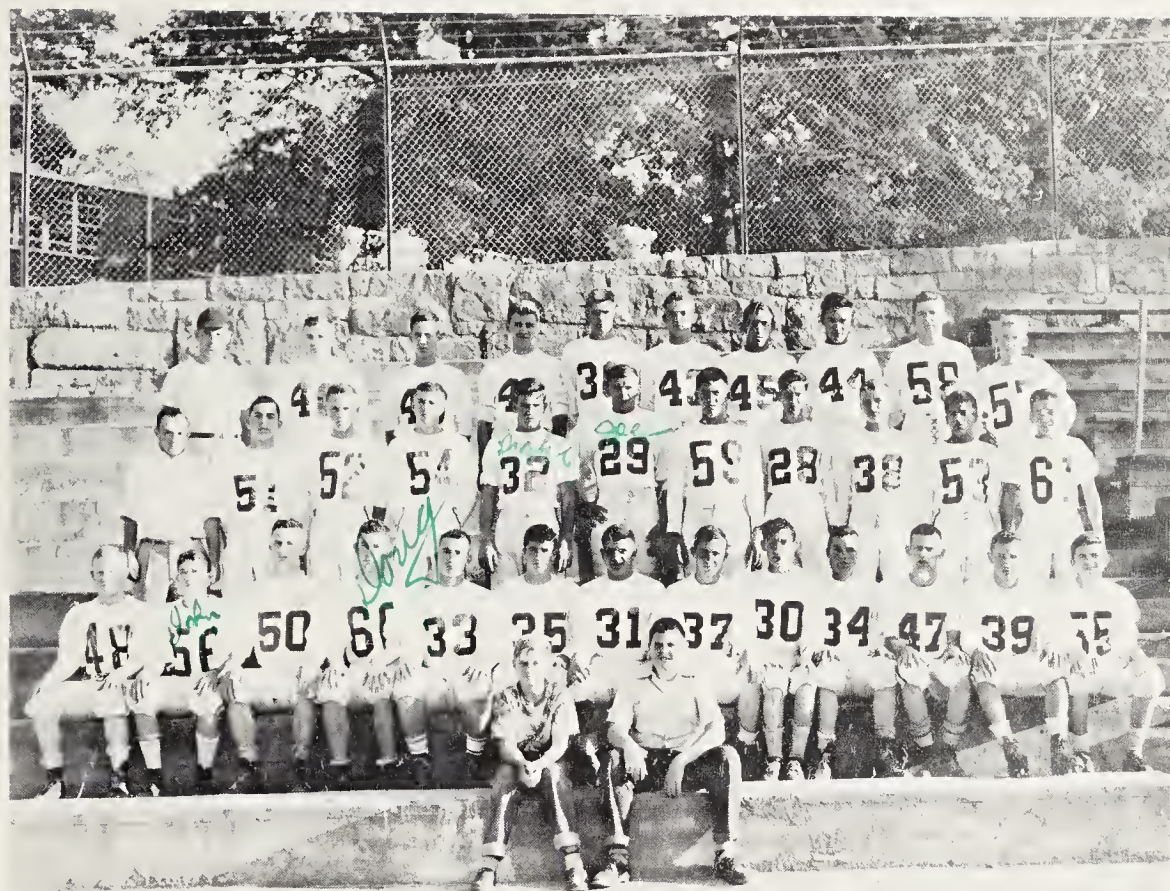
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Christine Cale, Calleen Calhaun, Clara Bell Fuller.



HOMECOMING QUEEN

Anne Bradley

ATHELETICS



SWAIN HIGH MAROON DEVILS

Coach
Norris Jones

Assistant Coach
Joe Sherrill

'52 FOOTBALL RECORD

Swain Hi	46
Swain Hi	20
Swain Hi	14
Swain Hi	44
Swain Hi	7
Swain Hi	20
Swain Hi	6
Swain Hi	6
Swain Hi	20
Swain Hi	6

Cherokee	0
Biltmore	0
Andrews	0
Robbinsville	0
Morganton	31
Murphy	0
Clyde	0
Franklin	19
Hayesville	7
Sylva	12

ATHELETICS



SENIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS

The Pride of Swain Hi



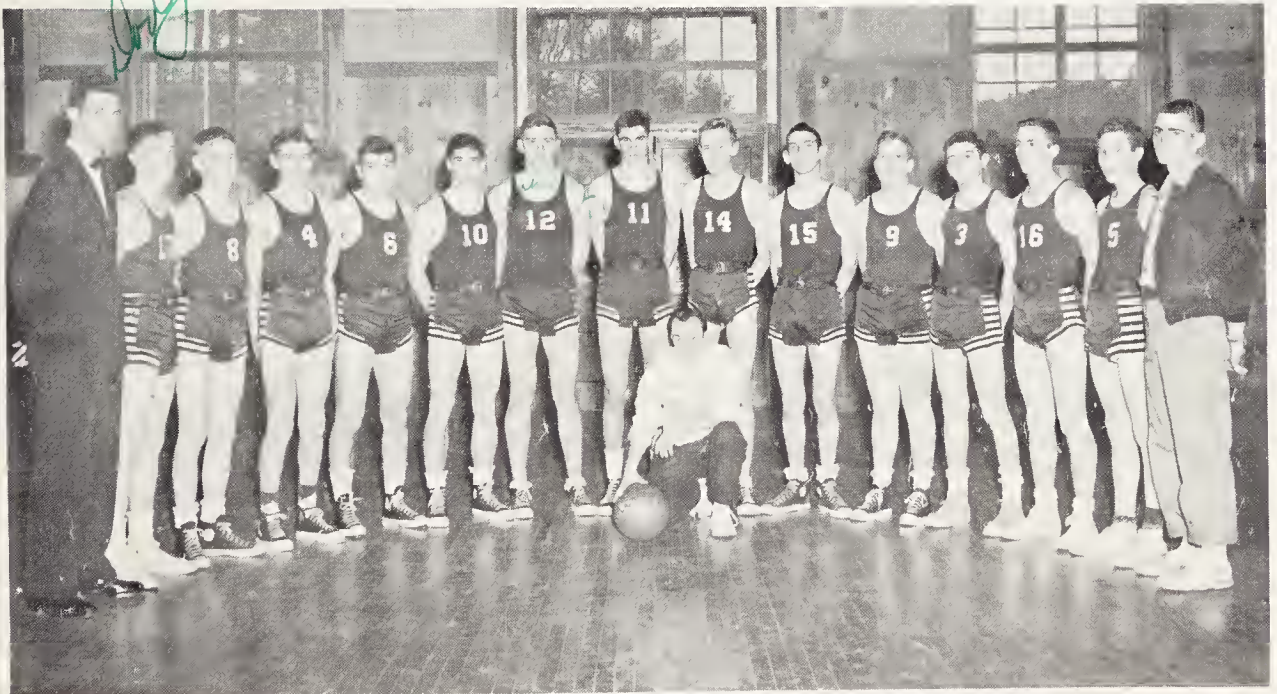
THE "BIG TEAM"

ATHELETICS



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. Joe Sherrill, Coach



BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. Norris H. Jones, Coach

AUTOGRAPHS

Lots of Luck
and Success.

Bonnie Burnette

Best of Luck
to a cute gal.
Norma Crisp

Best of Luck
and Success.

Bonnie, don't forget
me I am your
a friend. Best boy
boy, I will visit until
we are seniors....

"Love I have
and but wish"
to a sweet girl.
Jane Webb

Love Always
Rene

Bonnie, you have been a
big help this year in
the store. May you
always have the way
best of good fortune.

John M. Wible

Best of
Luck to the
friendliest girl
in school
J.T. Cunningham

Best of Luck, Luck -
Remember E. Hoag
Sammy

Best of Luck
to a good
nice girl.
Frank

Best of Luck
to a girl
"Shirley"

Bonnie, I hope
you have as
much fun
being a SENIOR
as I have
always
loved

Best of Luck
and Success.

she is everything
I have ever
loved

Bonnie, I sincerely
hope you get through
E.O. 12812. She had a lot
in everything you will do.
Quite Billions

Don't forget
the days we
skipped in '53".
Love,
Zetty Jean

Don't ever forget
the wonderful fun
we have had together.
Love you,
Christine

Don't forget
to have a
wonderful celebration
for
Dorinda & Jack
Love
John & Ruth
Pitt

Don't forget
a very sweet
and big
Carolyn Metzger



VanDams

AUTOGRAPHS

Best wishes to the younger of the
Smith Sisters, Inc.

Robert Gammon

Best of luck to you always. may you be a success
in anything you undertake to do. Sincerely,

~~W. Barnwell~~

"Best of Luck to the
Smith Sisters."

R. Parish

"Best Wishes"
to my Sweet Auntie
Bonnie. Love
Nancy

"Best of Luck"
may your
school days
be short
and sweet.
Doug

Best wishes
Johnny McCarter

Best Wishes
Joe Ann Welch

"To one of the kindest
girls I have ever known."
John Hyde

Best Luck
Allen

"Best wishes"
to a sweet girl.
Linda Lynn
Thomas

Best of Luck
pe Thomas

SOUTHERN DAIRIES

Compliments
of
HYATT RESTAURANT

CLOSES HARDWARE

FRIENDLY TRADING POST
Cherokee, N. C.

WESTERN AUTO

TOMAHAWK GIFT SHOP
Cherokee, N. C.
Indian and Mountain Crafts

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SEQUOYAH LODGE
On U. S. 19
Cherokee, N. C.
Crafts, Cabins, Food

**CAROLINA WOOD TURNING
COMPANY
and
CAROLINA BUILDING SUPPLY
COMPANY**

MARY'S FLOWER SHOP

Complete Florist

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ROPER'S GIFT SHOP

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MYER'S TOURIST COURT

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LIGHT COMPANY**

Compliments of

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Bryson City, N. C.

Compliments of
**CRISP'S CITIES SERVICE
STATION**

Compliments of
SNEED'S RESTAURANT

Compliments of
J. C. KEETER, Agent
SINCLAIR REFINING CO.
Bryson City, N. C.

Compliments
of
DUVALL'S SERVICE STATION

Cash & Money

Compliments of
DEBORD'S SERVICE STATION
Sinclair Products
JACK HICKS, Operator

Compliments
of
THOMAS CHEVROLET CO.

"We furnish the best car for the money"

THE TOTEM POLE
Cherokee Indian Reservation
Cherokee, N. C.

HARVEY GALE MARTHA FELTUS

Modern Cottages Dining Room
NEWFOUND LODGE
Cherokee, N. C.

BELK'S

The Home of Better Values

Compliments
of
Rhododendron Motor Court
Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Thomasson

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Compliments
of
MASHBURN'S SHOE SHOP

Compliments
of
RITE-WAY CLEANERS

Compliments
of
SMOKY MOUNTAIN TIRE CO.

Compliments
of
McHan Motor Company

Compliments
of
Cherokee Amoco Station
Cherokee, N. C.

Compliments

of

SWAIN DRUG STORE

Compliments

of

**MANESS MANUFACTURING
COMPANY**

Compliments
of
Medford Motor Co.
Dodge and Plymouth Dealer

Compliments
of
THE HOME STORE

Compliments
of
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Sandlin's Esso Station
"Everything for Automotive Needs"
Atlas Accessories

Smoky Mountain Times

"The Voice of the Great Smokies in
Western North Carolina"

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Phone 2525

**Pepsi-Cola Bottling
Company**

Compliments of

**Browning's
Furniture Store**

"We Furnish the Entire Home"

**Bryson City Coal
& Lumber Co.**

**Conley's
Drug Store**

Hollingsworth Candies
School Supplies

Phone 3745

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Jim's Esso Station

Cherokee Bus Station
and
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Modern
Rooms—Cabins
Foods, Soda Fountain
Best Wishes
to
CLASS OF '53

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of
T. J. Bradley
Cherokee, N. C.

Compliments
of
Bill Moody
"Wishing the Seniors a great success"

*The younger of the Smythe
Sisters."*
INC.

Compliments
of

**Sossamon
Furniture Stores**

Bryson City, Franklin, Sylva, Albemarle
Murphy, Hoyaesville, Robbinsville

"Everything for your home"

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SLAYDEN FAKES, INC.

Compliments

of

EARL'S TOURIST COURT

Compliments

of

SMOKY MOUNTAIN CANDY COMPANY

Conton, N. C.

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Dr. Bacon

Bill Mortin

Salomon Maloof

Ann Thomas

Mr. J. L. Orr

Carmaleto Littlejohn

Fartner Service Stotion

Aileen Welch

Jake Cooper

Harry's Cofe

Harry Seay

R. B. Sandlin

Ruth Cunningham

Bruce Fuller

Henry Cleaners

Norma and Jim

Gwen Cline

City Borber Shop

Joann Briggs

Ruby DeHort

Jimmy Sutton

F. W. Smiley

Leonord Welch

A Friend

Dennis Laney

Nelda ond Glenith

Thad DeHart

S. P. Davis

T. M. Welch

R. E. Coffey

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